Demands for Supplementary Grants.

1. XXVII—Public Works—Civil Engineering—

Rs. 1,50,000 (*contd.*)

President.—So far as these supplementary grants are concerned, I would like to know if there are any Party cut motions. We can dispose of them easily. We take a long time, because several Members are rising and speaking. If we have got a Party cut motion, we can take it up and finish it off.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—After coming here, we have not had sufficient time to come to any definite decision.

President.—I am only suggesting a proposition.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think we have only to speak on the supplementary grants coming under the D. P. W. budget.

President.—We have got a lot of non-official business, and so we have to hurry up.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The supplementary grants are growing; they come to half the budget.

President.—Can you suggest any method?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That raises our suspicion that in the original budget they do not include these cases and take them here just to get those amounts passed. We are now required to pass one lakh and 50-thousand rupees.

President.—I can give an explanation for that. For ordinary things they want no provision. Such cases do not arise. New things are turning up in the course of the year. Of course they are to be provided here. There are so many supplementary grants that are not brought forward at all. Some are kept back, because we are not going to have any more meeting of the Standing Finance Committee, because Members will refuse to attend, if we convene a meeting during the sittings.

I think this must be stopped.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Can we not find any means to see that you do not come for supplementary grants?

President.—Why don't you ask for 500 rupees more under 'Service Labels' in the original budget itself?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—As explained by me, we could not anticipate this heavy expenditure under that head.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Let them be starved a bit.

President.—We are also very careful not to budget too much. We have to be careful about that also.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That would be better than bringing forward so many supplementary grants.

President.—Already a provision was made in the budget. It was not found sufficient.

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Your objections are about the constitutional procedure. Regarding the Irwin Park, your objection is that a statement was not placed. On the other grants you may not have to say much.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We spent much time on that Irwin Park.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.— The discussion is on general points, and much time is taken up by that.

President.—We sometimes travel out of our legitimate sphere.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The discussion on supplementary grants is similar to the budget discussion.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Time is taken up by such discussions, and during that general questions are brought forward.

President.—You can avoid all this discussion, if you do not bring in supplementary grants. If you are very particular about economising time and all that, don't bring forward any supplementary grants. There are too many this time—17 in number—unparalleled in the history of this House.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Four of them come under my Department. It is due to the epidemic.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We do not object to such grants.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The criticism is based upon the mismanagement and not upon the money spent.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,50,000 for 'XXVII—P. W. D., Civil' by Re. 1.*

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അഴീക്കോട്-അരാകുളം റോഡിനു വേണ്ടി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ധാരാളം പണം ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. എങ്കിലും ഈ റോഡിൽ കൂടി സുരക്ഷിതമായ് നിലയിൽ ബസ്സോ മറു വാഹനങ്ങളോ കൊണ്ടു പോകാൻ തരമില്ലാത്ത വിധത്തിലാണു് ഇന്നും ആ റോഡിന്റെ നില. ഇതി നെപ്പററി ഞാൻ ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾക്കു ഒരു കത്തെഴുതി. അതിനു ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ ഒരു മറുപടി അയച്ചു. ഈ പണി ആലോചനക്കെടുപ്പാൻ തല്ക്കാലം നിവൃത്തിയില്ലെന്നാണു് മറുപടി. എന്റെ അപേക്ഷയെ തെററിദ്ധരിച്ചു് ശരിയായി മനസ്സിലാകാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണു് ഇങ്ങിനെ ഒരു മറുപടി തന്നിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നു് ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. ആ റോഡിനു ധാരാളം വളവുണ്ടു്. അതു തിരുത്തു് സ്ട്രോറ് ചെയ്യാനാണു് ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതെന്നായിരിക്കണം അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ധാരണ. പക്ഷെ എന്റെ അപേക്ഷയുടെ ഉദ്ദേശം അതല്ല. അപായം കൂടാതെ ബസ്സു മുതലായ വാഹനങ്ങൾക്കു യാത്ര ചെയ്യാൻ ഏതു വിധത്തിലെങ്കിലും സൌകര്യപ്പെട്ടുത്തിത്തരണമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അപേക്ഷ. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യാത്ത പക്ഷം ആ റോഡു—അനേകം പണം വ്യയം ചെയ്തുണ്ടാക്കിയ റോഡു—നശിച്ചുപോകാനാണെളുപ്പം. ആ റോഡു ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു പക്ഷെ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു വാദിച്ചേക്കാമെന്നു് എനിക്കൊരഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടു്.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—അതു ആവശ്യമായ ഒരു റോഡാണു്. പക്ഷെ നല്ലവ

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ണ്ണം ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുന്നില്ല എന്നേയുള്ളൂ, മുകുന്ദപുരം—കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ റോഡുകട്ടി വരുമ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ ഉപയോഗം വർദ്ധിക്കും. ഇപ്പോൾ വേറെ റോഡുകൾ അതിനോടു യോജിച്ചിട്ടില്ലാത്തതിനാലാണു കുറെ ഉപയോഗം കുറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു". ഇപ്പോൾ എന്തുചെയ്യണമെന്നാണു് പറയുന്നതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അപകടം കൂടാതെ വാഹനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ തക്ക രീതിയിൽ ഈ റോഡിനെ ശരിയാക്കണം. അല്ലാതെ വേറൊരു റോഡു വേണമെന്നല്ല പറയുന്നതു്.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—കായ്യം ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയരുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽകൊണ്ടു വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടല്ലൊ? ഇനി വോട്ടിനിടണമെന്നുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യാമെന്നു സമ്മതിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം വോട്ടിനിടേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 3.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To cut Re. 1 from the motion for the supplementary grant of Rs. 1,50,000 under 'XXVII—P. W. D.—Civil'.*

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Sir, I have tabled this motion not to question the necessity of the Ghat road and not due to the ignorance of the existence of vast expanse of cultivable lands up there, only nobody knows how much land will be brought under cultivation. I know there are lands peopled by the best of His Highness' subjects having not even good cart tracks—not to speak of metalled roads, culverts and bridges. Sir, all the successive Diwans from Mr. Bhore have conceded the necessity for a bridge over the Korayar near Eruthempatty in Chittur taluk. The Head of the Department had felt the necessity and had introduced the ferry system which unfortunately proved abortive. I had brought to the notice of the Government the necessity for the bridge every year since the constitution of the Legislative Council, and those who required it had memorialised the Government many a time. Last reply of the Government was that it will be considered when funds are available—a reply accorded generally to works of a step-motherly concern.

President.—We will have it next year. It should have been brought into this year's budget. Somehow or other it was not put in.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We are not getting anything.

President.—You are getting a lot. The Girls' School comes to Rs. 30,000 and then the extension to the High School comes to Rs. 10,000

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I think we are the last in getting a Girls' School.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Not for want of readiness on the part of the Government but for want of readiness on the part of the people.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I want only the bridge. I do not want to proceed further. I withdraw the motion.

President.—During the agricultural exhibition I explained everything.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—During the previous Diwans' times Chittur Taluk was greatly neglected. After the inauguration of the Legislative Council we, Members for Chittur, are fighting here, are trying to bring forward as far as possible the claims of the Chittur Taluk to the notice of the Government.

May I know what was the original estimate of the Nelliampathy road ? I think it was only about Rs. 30,000.

President.—Not 30,000. But there was some increase from the original estimate. It must be admitted.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The amount was not so big a sum as three lakhs. What was the original estimate for it, Sir ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We did not prepare a complete estimate. The original estimate for the alignment was 2 and odd lakhs.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I distinctly remember Mr. Kurian the then P. W. D. Member saying in this House that it will be about Rs. 30,000.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That will be for the first section. Mr. Kurian said that it will be four or five lakhs. Thirty thousand rupees is for the first section of 2 miles.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I remember it was four miles.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, it was two miles.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 4.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,50,000 for Nelliampathy Ghat road works.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I rise to move for the total omission of this supplementary grant. My reasons are that it has been already said that Rs. 84,150 is to be released by general savings—by abandoning works that we have been pressing here.

President.—All this has been said yesterday. So, this need not be repeated now.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am not speaking anything on that. In moving the demand the Member in charge mentioned that a number of works, such as the Muriyad river works, had to be abandoned in order to release general savings for contribution towards this Nelliampathy road. Now, this Nelliampathy road, if I understand rightly, is a road to a hilly place, and we have heard just now from the Hon'ble Member for Chittur (Rural) that tracks on the other side of this road are all wholly assigned, and what the amount of available land to be assigned to our people is to be is also not known. Now I ask for benefiting

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whom is this road to be now brought into existence and made pucca? For whose benefit? If it is for a few planters, then I submit our people have first to be served before they can be served.

President.—I do not know whether you are in order. For the work has been sanctioned. The only question is whether the amount is necessary. Then we will go back to our original position.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I never said that you should not take up this work. I only wanted to spread it over a number of years, so that, in the regular way, we could give the contribution towards the extension of the road. We never understood in the beginning that all this 3½ lakhs has to be spent in one lump, in one budget. Then we would certainly not have been a party to it. I would refer you to the budget. Under budget head 27, item No. 60, Appendix B, the provision is only 28,000 rupees. That was the only amount that came up at the budget meeting. Then, there was no serious objection at all, because they are also people living in our midst, and their needs also must come to our consideration and favourable consideration. But to starve our other works and to rush through this work and to spend almost six times the amount budgetted this year, is a proposition which I cannot concede. 28,725 rupees only was asked for the year 1105, and that was sanctioned by this House. Why should this House be a party in sanctioning the whole remaining part of the budget to the Department? The estimates for the various sections have been prepared separately for the various sections to take up the works in parts!

We know, Sir, that there have been complaints from the Cranganur Member; and we have just now heard about the absence of a good cartable road.

President.—Don't bring in Cranganur. Cranganur is financially autonomous.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There are so many other works. Now, let us see how many lakhs of rupees go to our D. P. W. budget. 18 lakhs of rupees was the budget allotment of this year.

President.—Including the mechanical budget also.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes. Out of the 18 lakhs, 15 lakhs is votable. 18 lakhs of rupees means nearly 25 per cent of the revenue. Now, in this year to add another 2½ is not desirable. I say this will only result in the sole benefit going to a handful of planters, for whom every difficulty should be placed in their way, because they also stand in the way of progress of our people. This year, in which India is struggling, and public opinion is growing against them, difficulties should be put in their way

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so that they may deal with our country properly. We cannot support them by giving facilities. Taking India as a whole, we should also agitate for Responsible Government inside the Indian States. And for what purpose are you rushing through this work? It is to benefit a few European planters! Whenever European interests come here, we must give them a little trouble. If you co-operate with us, we also will co-operate with you. If everything is to be done according to their wish, then something should be done according to our wish. The Government might have given the help, because they found that it was their bounden duty to do it. But the free people can freely give their opinion. We will put a spoke in the wheel. That will turn their attention to the fact that Indian opinion is receding back. Therefore, at least to rouse them to the situation, it is not necessary to spend this lump sum.

You are asking us Rs. 1,50,000, but you are going to spend Rs. 2,50,000, nearly one lakh from general savings of which we had no knowledge. All the budgetted works are abandoned. For, you estimate an amount to the extent of Rs. 1,50,000 from the general savings, Rs. 50,000 for the Irwin Park and Rs. 1,00,000 for this road. Therefore, I submit this ought to be turned down. One of the reasons for the cut is there is no particular reason for rushing this through. This was not budgetted for this year. There is no sanctioned estimate. The only reason assigned is that the work is going on, and so let it be finished as early as possible.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—There will be income to the Government. There are cultivable lands to be assigned.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I hope no portion has been assigned as yet.

President.—No. If the road comes into existence, the price we might realise by assignment will be higher.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, I remember that there was a distinct promise from Mr. Kuriyan that the work will be taken up only section by section.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. It is now taken up section by section. The whole work is divided into 5 sections.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Within five years, that was what Mr. Kuriyan said. He distinctly made us to understand that the work will be taken up year after year.

President.—This work was sanctioned three years ago.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Even then that was the understanding. That was what was told in this House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In 1104 we spent nearly 33,000 rupees.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work has been sanctioned three years ago.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The total amount spent thus far does not exceed one lakh.

President.—I remember Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja taking particular objection to this road.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then it was stated that this will be taken up section by section and will be spread over a number of years.

President.—It can be taken up only section by section and not fully.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That only one section will be taken up one year.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there a promise in this House to spread this work over a number of years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There was.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think there is nothing forthcoming to change the opinion of the Government.

President.—Two years are over, and we are in the third year.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But when framing this year's budget you were prepared only to spend Rs. 28,000, and now towards the end of the year, just before the next budget, you come with a demand for how much, for 2½ lakhs, not 1½ lakhs is going to be spent on the road; one lakh without our knowledge and 1½ lakhs with our knowledge.

President.—But one thing is clear, I suppose; you have no objection for the road.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My point is, why cannot this demand wait; why this grant cannot wait till the next budget and provision can be made then. And then let the work go on, but let the payment be put off for next year. Further, on account of this work, some other works must necessarily be abandoned—works sanctioned by us after consideration and works that are necessary for us.

President.—With regard to the finishing off of the road, and we are preparing materials and all that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I press that the responsibility may be thrown entirely upon the Government for hastening this road. This ought to be delayed as much as possible. We must put obstacles in the way of planters and also till all the lands are assigned. What return are we going to get for this road?

President.—First we will establish a toll and get about Rs. 10,000.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—When the outside world is for the abolition of tolls, we are going to propose tolls.

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know whether there is any special reason to do it this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The only reason that we could assign is, since we have begun the work, let us finish it off and come away. We are not neglecting any other budgetted works on this account.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What I mean to say is, whether anything has turned up after the framing of the budget which requires to expedite the work.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We were able to make estimates ready and get the works in good progress during this year, and so we thought that we might finish off almost the whole of it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know what is the extent of the territory which will be opened up? Does this connect with any main road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It opens up a vast tract of land.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know how many acres have been assigned till now, and how many acres there will be for assignment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are 10,000 acres of land unassigned. I once had occasion to say not to assign land until this road is completed. Otherwise the lands will have no value.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—How many have been already assigned?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not many; 600 acres recently.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—May I know the names of the people to whom these assignments were made recently?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The assignments were made to Nelliampathi Estates Company and one Mr. Rotherhall.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—To foreign companies. It has been stated in this House that to nobody outside the State land will be assigned without giving it first to those in the State. You will find that in the Proceedings, that not a single acre is to be given to outsiders.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—To those people the Government have assigned lands, because those lands were lying adjoining to the lands which they already possessed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there not a promise that no acre would be assigned to any people outside the State? What is the use of coming and saying the story that you have assigned lands to half-a-dozen planters? This road is for the sake of

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half-a-dozen planters. It is your duty to say that it is not for that. I am asking the Chief Engineer whether he can give an assurance that this road is not for the use of the planters. Will the Hon'ble Member explain for whose benefit this road is constructed? May I know why this change in the policy of assigning lands has taken place?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There has been no change at all.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I want to know whether there was not an assurance in this House that lands would not be assigned to those who were not bona fide Cochinites? I want to know whether they have not made such a promise. I appeal to the Chair to say whether there was no such promise that land will not be assigned to those other than bona fide Cochinites.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Can the Government now give us a promise?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Government has already given the promise.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Did you advertise?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—These lands were lying adjoining to the lands possessed by the companies. These companies were in the Nelliampathies all this time. They must have certain privileges as ordinary land-holders in Cochin have.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I am a resident at Chittur. Saying that I was permanently at Chittur for a long time, will the Government assign to me lands adjoining to my property?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Certainly, if those lands lie adjoining to your estates.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Can the Government make a promise like that? There were lands lying adjoining to my own farm, but they were not assigned to me but were assigned to Ponnam Pillai, the highest bidder.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know whether these lands were in the possession of those people before they were assigned?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Was the assignment made by auction or by private contract?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—By private negotiation.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So there was no advertising.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know the income that we derive from these estates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—These 600 acres are new lands assigned.

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I am asking for the entire income from the assigned lands in the Nelliampathi.

President.—This is a Ghat road. When we reach the end, it becomes a flat country, and then there are facilities for connecting this Nelliampathi road with our Tram line. You can go by this line through Nelliampathi up to our Tram line. What is that particular place?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Karaparakutti.

President.—It is possible that we can avoid all these inclines in the Tram line. We can come up to Poringalkuttu. These are all the information before us.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—If a road is got all round the eastern boundary connecting Nelliampathi, Parambikulam and Chalakkudi, that may be all right. That appears very far from the idea of the Engineering Department.

President.—This is the only difficult part of the business—this Ghat road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The whole area is not fit for cultivation. Therefore, if we join Nelliampathi with Karaparakutti, it will be very useful.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—My point is this. If we spend these 3 lakhs, it should serve a certain number of people and not 5 or 6. It is not a town or a populous part of country. I wish to know what justification there is for spending the amount. It is for that purpose that I am saying whether anything like a fair interest for 3 or 4 lakhs can be recovered by the completion of this scheme. We have 600 acres newly assigned there.

Mr. V. K. Aravindakhsa Menon.—There are abandoned coffee estates to an extent of 4,000 acres for which we can get about 10 rupees an acre.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—By opening this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. There are also virgin forests comprising an area of 4,000 acres. Calculating at 15 rupees per acre, the receipts will be 60,000 rupees. It may also be possible to get about 35 thousand and odd rupees from the existing estates. There are a few more items which make up the total receipts to Rs. 2,48,100. That is what we will get as remuneration besides the annual income from quit rent. This on 4,100 acres at Rs. 3 per acre would come to 12,300. Again on 4,000 acres at 3 rupees and on the remaining area at Rs. 1-8-0 per acre, the total annual income comes to Rs. 32,280.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What amount of quit rent was realised for the 600 acres?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Three rupees per acre.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is stated here that pre-

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ference will be given to Cochinites. Have they applied in the case of these assignments ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Cochin people have not yet begun to apply for land in the Nelliampathies.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I was not here to hear the Government stating that assignments will be made only in favour of Cochinites.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I am afraid you were not here during the Budget Session. It was Mr. Kurian who was in charge of the P. W. D., and I distinctly remember the President giving that promise.

President.—When Mr. Kurian was here, I was not the President.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In the very first year when this road was taken up, Mr. Kurian was making that promise.

President.—I am inclined to give preference to Cochinites.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is the feeling of the House, that lands must be given to Cochinites.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What I request is that the Government now at least would give a definite assurance that bona fide Cochinites will be given preference for the land. Because I think we are perfectly justified in saying that we will not be prepared to vote for you large amounts unless Cochinites are benefited.

President.—Cochinites will have the preference.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is all right.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is the road construction done by the Department or by contract ?

President.—By contract.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Has the further construction been given on contract ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. Works on all the five sections have been started, and there are two contractors, Messrs. Viswanathan Chetty and N. O. Inasu, doing the work.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There were many roads budgetted for last year. I want to know the reason why you have picked up this work as most urgent.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have not omitted any road work budgetted for this year.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know why this one was picked up as most urgent ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This was picked up as it could be finished. This was started three years ago.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What induced the Government to take up this work and finish it off ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was only this, to complete the work and come away from the hills.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I also ask whether a three months' delay would matter much in this?

President.—The contractor has been there and all the staff has been doing the work. It will interfere with the work. That is all.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—They give contract during this year, and payments are deferred for the next year. There is a provision of Rs. 28,000 for this year. Up to that payment can be made during this year itself. Your contractor may go on with the work and get his payments next year.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. That can be done.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Estimates have been sanctioned, and the road work has been taken up. There is no reason why we should not defer the payment for the next year.

President.—Is it your point that the amount should be provided in the budget for 1106?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes.

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We will be doing work for more than 28,000 rupees this year itself.

President.—How much amount will be necessary for this year's work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If we want, we can almost complete it this year. But if you do not want to complete it this year, and if you won't pay, we will have to leave the work.

President.—We have taken up the work in right earnest. We have assembled all the people, and we hope to finish it at a particular time. Since we have taken up the work, why not finish it off at once? There will be difficulty to get people, if the work is stopped now. Local people are found unqualified to do this work. I think we are engaging people from Coimbatore and other places. If we stop now, there will be difficulty to keep the work in the proper swing.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there not a definite promise as to assignment?

President.—Cochinites will be given preference.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Only when they apply.

President.—Only when they come forward and when they apply they will be given preference.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We should know when to apply for it.

President.—Let the roads come into existence, and then it will be time to apply.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—But lands are disappearing.

President.—Only a few acres of land were assigned. Even that we gave with considerable difiiculty.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—In this connection, I may be permitted to bring to your notice that, in the matter of road-making, land acquisition proceedings are considerably delayed.

President.—Which roads have been neglected ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The road from Pariyaram to Chalakkudi. It is a small road—a furlong or so. The land acquisition proceedings have not yet been finished.

President.—The Diwan Peishkar will do it. Is this land acquisition under consideration ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Proceedings have been started.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I understand that 2 or 3 months ago papers were sent to the Huzur, and it is being delayed.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—There is no delay. There are about 150 cases. Everybody says "this is important, that is important." How can I give preference to one ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—ഒരു റോഡിന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ എനിക്കും സ ല്പം പറവാനുണ്ട്. പള്ളിപ്പുറത്തിനും വയ്പിനും മദ്ധ്യേ വേണ്ട ഒരു റോഡി നെപ്പറ്റി പല പ്രാവശ്യം ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ആ റോ ഡിന്റെ ആലോചന ഇതേവരെയും ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടി ണ്ടോ എന്ന സംശയമായിരിക്കുന്നു. എവറസ്റ്റിന്റെ മുകളിലും മറ്റും റോഡു വെട്ടുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ അത്യാവശ്യമായ റോഡാണ് ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നത്. വാഴത്തിലെ വിഷയമായ സ്ഥലത്തു ഇപ്പോൾ തന്നെ ൫൦ ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം വിദേശികൾക്കു ഒരു സംശയവും ക്ലേശവും കൂടാതെ കൊടുത്തതായി ഗവണ്മെ ണ്ടു തന്നെ പറയുന്നു. ഇതു പറയുന്ന ഈ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു അധഃകൃതരക്ഷചെയ്യു വാൻ ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടു സൃഷ്ടിച്ചിട്ടു അതിന്റെ ആയുഷ്കാലത്തി നിടക്കു ആകെ എതാനും ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം സാധുക്കളായ ഈ രാജ്യവാസികളാ യ അധഃകൃതക്കില്ലാംകൂടി പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ചോദി ക്കുന്നതു. അധഃകൃതഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടു അധഃകൃതക്കു മാളയിൽ കുറെ സ്ഥലം പ തിച്ചു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തു. അതു കൊടുക്കാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു മന സ്സില്ല. അപ്പോൾ അതു പത്തുവിനു മേയണം എന്നു തുടങ്ങിയ കാരണങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടുവന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ ഇവിടെ വാദവിഷയമായിരിക്കുന്ന റോ ഡുനിർമ്മാണം നാം തടഞ്ഞാൽ നില്ക്കുകയില്ല. അതു നമ്മുടെ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു എന്റെ അപേക്ഷ അതു ചെയ്യുന്നതോടുകൂടി അതിന്റെ ഒരു അംശം സഹായം നാട്ടുകാർക്കും ചെ യ്തുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണ്. റോഡു കൊടുക്കുകയില്ലെന്നു പറവാൻ ഈ ഗവണ്മെ ണ്ടിനു ശക്തിയില്ലെങ്കിലും ഉള്ള ശക്തി ഉപയോഗിച്ചു കൊടുക്കാൻ ചുമതല പ്പെട്ടവർക്കു കൂടി കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു ഒരിക്കൽകൂടി ഞാൻ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു.—വോട്ടിനിടണമോ പിൻവലിക്കുന്നോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—പള്ളിപ്പുറം-വയ്പു റോഡിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെ ണ്ടു ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government has passed orders.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇതിനെ ഞാൻ പിൻവലിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—In this connection I would like to bring to the kind notice of this Council certain facts. I do not stand in the way of the sanctioning of the Nelliampathi Ghat road, because Edavam, Mithunam and Karkadagam are the only three months when we can get labour. It must be rushed headlong, and it must be finished all on a sudden. If it is sanctioned, it must be done now. We will not be able in other parts of the year to command labour.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is the Hon'ble Member for Nemmara one of the contractors ?

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I am not a contractor.

I am explaining the practical difficulty which I have experienced.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will this road assist you in your going to your estate ?

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—No.

Another fact which I wish to bring to your notice is that from 1040 to 1065 M. E. the sons of the soil happened to bethe Diwans of the State. At that time many roads were opened in Chittur Taluk. After that, to my knowledge, there are, I may be even correct if I were to say, no new roads opened.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What about the Nedukunni road?

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—At any rate, from 1077-83 many acres in the villages of Pattanchery and Moolathara were constituted as reserve. Now to the utter neglect of the Land Revenue Manual all those lands have been re-assigned and re-auctioned and many strangers have become purchasers. But consistent with cultivation, means of communication are very essential. Many of the Heads of Departments might have had occasion to go to European plantations, Moopley Valley Plantations and the like, owning 1,000 and 2,000 acres. All of them own pucca metal roads simply because they happened to be owners of large areas, and they got on lease 1,000 and odd acres in a lump for nominal prices of 50 Rs. and below per acre. In the assignment of areas in the Chittur Taluk Government got more than 100 rupees per acre. In many instances more also, all those lands were sold in bits and the petty land-holder there is unable to open roads. To my moderate estimation I think more than 500 or about 1,000 acres have been assigned in the course of the past 10 years in Pattancheri and Moolathara together.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—More than that

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.— I never want to make an incorrect statement nor do I want to exaggerate the thing.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—But don't minimise also.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I am subject to correction. I shall be very glad if the Diwan Peishkar can supply the information, the number of acres that have been assigned.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—It is not possible to say at a moment's notice.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—My point is we spend much in exploring new tracts and neglect rural needs. So I would suggest, when a son of the soil happens to be the Diwan of the State as of the era I referred to, he must be capable of knowing the real things. As all the past sons have done, the present son will also see that something substantial is done to the Chittur Taluk.

President.—Is there any complaint in the Taluk that there are no roads?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There are complaints. One road leading from the late Kalyanakrishna Ayyar's house, Vandithavalam to the Chittur river. The other I shall have to look up. If you want, I shall send a list.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.— You yourselves are not quite sure.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Railway Station construction is almost over. Then you have got to connect that with Pattancherry road, Kattupadam and some other places.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.— Many land-holders from Pattancherry and Moolathara have been approaching me and they were complaining to me about the thing. The Panchayat proposals to open new roads are never sanctioned.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—You should have complained to them.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—The allotment to the Panchayats is very small. Panchayats cannot open new roads.

President.—Did you bring it to my notice that you wanted roads?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We are sadly wanting in irrigation and water. That shuts out the other questions. Whenever we approach you, we bring irrigation problems almost into prominence.

President.—Why not the other also? If one need is proposed, that is no reason for not including the other need.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—If the Government wants, I shall give the information.

One is the Vandithavalam road, one from Moongilmada to Anicut. There is no road to Manjimanamb.

President.— Then Ramavarmavanam to Chittur, then Velanthavalam.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Then Eruthempathy through the cultivated lands. The only officer who goes through the Ramavarmavanam is the Director of Public Instruction. He knows well about the necessity of the roads.

President.—He has got a school there.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are you going to distribute roads to each Member? I shall suggest the classification of these roads. Some of these are election promises.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, whether, out of the 16 new roads that are to be opened, any of these are to be abandoned this year? We budgetted for 16 roads.

President.—The work is taken up in almost all the roads.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There are 16 under communications.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Which are they?

President.—If you name the roads one after another, the Chief Engineer will be able to answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Opening a road to the Southern extremity of Pallivirutti. Opening a road connecting the Peppathippara road to the State boundary, opening a road from Chalakkudy Railway Station to Mala.

President.—Every one of them is being looked into.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Opening a road from Mala to Adoor.

President.—That is being done.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Constructing a road from 12/2 of Shoranur road to Machad.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The acquisition work is going on.

President.—Everything is going on.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I also want to tell you that all these roads together cost only Rs. 87,000.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—It is on the plains and not the hill tracts.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government has passed orders asking me to send an estimate.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In the light of these things I think we will withdraw the cut.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know how much area is available for assignment in the Nelliampathies?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 30,000 acres altogether are available in the Nelliampathies.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.— May I know whether the Government has any objection to sell these lands only by auction?

President.—We cannot commit ourselves to one way or the other at this stage. What the circumstances are, whether the proper thing is to put it at a fixed price, or whether it is better

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to sell it by auction, we cannot say. It is a matter which will be decided at the time it is disposed of.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It may act against us at times.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Outsiders may come with more money. It has been the practice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Government must look to our interest.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—It must be reserved to the Cochinites.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the demand for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,50,000 under 'XXVII—Public Works—Civil Engineering, for meeting the cost of the Nelliampathi Ghat road works' be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

2. I—Land Revenue—(d)—Temporary Establishment—Cranganur—Rs. 178.

President.—The next is the demand for Rs. 178 under 'I—Land Revenue—(d)—Temporary Establishment—Cranganur.'

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 178 for Cranganur. It is for extending the period of the special surveyor appointed for work in the Estate lands. The special officer was appointed for a period of six months, and that expired on 26th Kumbham 1105. A portion only of the work for which he has been appointed is over. There is yet some substantial portion to be gone through, and for that it is necessary to extend his period till the end of the year. He has to survey the lands and see if the extent as per the resurvey conducted by the British authorities is correct. He has also to prepare certain statements. That may take another three or four months. He is paid Rs. 30.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 178 for 'Land Revenue — Temporary Establishment — Cranganur' by Re. 1.*

President.—There is a cut motion of Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't press it.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the supplementary allotment asked for be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

3. XVI—Vaccination—Miscellaneous—Cranganur—Rs. 200.

President.—The next demand is by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 200 for vaccination carried on and for the additional supply of lymph for the same purpose.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—For what place is it?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—For Cranganur.

President.—There is no cut motion.

Question proposed: *That the allotment prayed for be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

4. XVII—Sanitation and Conservancy—charges for prevention of epidemics—Cranganur—Rs. 100.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 100 under 'Sanitation and Conservancy—charges for the prevention of epidemics', for the construction of a contagious shed.

President.—Where is that?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Cranganur.

Question proposed: *That the demaud asked for be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

5. XXII—Industries—Rural Industrial Schools—Scholarship—Cranganur—Rs. 300.

President.—No. 17, Mr. C. Matthai.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 300 under 'Industries—Cranganur'.

The additional grant is intended for the payment of scholarships, work fees and stipends to the pupils of the Industrial School in Cranganur. There is a Rural Industrial School there, and according to the number of pupils now attending, we find that the allotment which we provided this year, namely, Rs. 500, would not be sufficient. We find now that, for the expenses of the year under that particular head, we shall require Rs. 800. That is why I am requesting for an additional grant of Rs. 300 for this purpose. It is for payment to be made to these poor boys. We have got 63 boys in the Rural Industrial School. Some of them learn carpentry, others weaving, and they are paid according to the number of years they have spent in the school. Beginners are paid at the rate of 8 as. Those who are in the second year 12 annas, then Rs. 1/8, Rs. 2 and so on. It is not entirely charity. We make these boys do work. The school undertakes orders, makes articles, and these are sold and recouped, so that I would like the House to bear in mind that these payments are not mere charity. We call for orders which is necessary to give practice to the students. I am sure the House will have no objection to sanction the grant asked for.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Do you get any sale?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Of course. But that would not entirely meet the expenses.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Only small contributions.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—In some of the bigger schools, Ernakulam and Trichur for instance, we get large orders. So far as weaving is concerned, all the articles produced in the schools find a ready sale. We make furniture for Public Offices, Schools and so on. That is done by the carpentry section of the school. In all these Rural Industrial Schools we take up work like that. Generally the villagers prefer the product of the local Industrial School.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—They are more patriotic.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—In some places we see people come and give their own measurements. They are particular about measurements which the local schools undertake to supply. In that way we pay wages to the boys, and it is for this purpose that the grant is asked for.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 300 for 'Industries—Rural Industrial Schools—Scholarship—Cranganur' by Re. 1.*

President.—Cut motion by Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am sorry I have to stand up for this cut motion. I don't mind that. I would be the last person to object to the grant. But I take the opportunity to ventilate the grievances of my own constituency in this matter. We have a small school which we got after long exertion at the time of Mr. Bannerji, in Jew Town, Cochin. It was particularly intended to give some enlightenment to the backward condition of education amongst the Jews. You know, Sir, this is a very small community and only a few people are rich and able to educate their children.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I may draw the attention of the Member to a particular point. I am asking under Industries. The Member is speaking under Education.

President.—We do not observe the judicial rule of relevancy.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have been trying to avoid a public appeal like this. There are a few girls. The school has now been enlarged into a Lower Secondary School. We consented to open the school to all the classes. There are only half-a-dozen or at the most a dozen. Mr. Koder and myself made an undertaking that we will certify those who are really poor. Those who can afford to pay will pay according to *the Code*. After all, there may not be more than a dozen who are poor, and the Headmistress of the school also has been recommending for

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special exemption. In the days when in the Ernakulam College there was not a single free student, I myself was taken as a free student.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—That works all this mischief.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is mischief for you, but I think it is progress for my State. So I make this appeal. I know the Director of Public Instruction has been sympathetically considering that matter. For some reason or other, not a single extra privilege has been given to these children.

President.—Is it based on the ground of poverty?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—They are backward classes, rather they are classed as backward.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—They are most forward.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Educationally, these people are backward. We are living an artificial life in associating with other people. I do not ask for any charity for my own children.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—But you had your share.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I deserved it, I suppose. I am saying what even in those days, when there was no provision to extend any free scholarship, I had one. Now we have got any number of scholarships. Sir P. Rajagopalachari of revered memory extended a free scholarship, so that I say these hard-and-fast rules on paper must be applied with a human heart. So, I request the Government, on behalf of my special constituency, the only request that I am making on behalf of my special constituency, for the exemption of about a dozen children in the Jew Town School from school fees. They have all gone through the primary classes. Only to a few deserving poor, not even a dozen. With these few words I withdraw. I wish to know whether he Government would sympathetically view this situation.

President.—You have drawn the attention of the Government to these facts, and with that you withdraw your cut.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I know the Director is sympathetic.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 300 for 'XXII — Industries — Rural Industrial Schools— Scholarship, Cranganur' by Re. 1.*

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അഴീക്കോട് സർക്കാർ സ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ അപായകരമായ സ്ഥിതിയെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുവാനാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ മോഷൻ അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. അഴീക്കോട് പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂളിനു രണ്ടു കെട്ടിടം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിൽ ഒരു കെട്ടിടം നശിപ്പിച്ചു പോകയാൽ ബാക്കിയുള്ള ആ പഴയ കെട്ടിടത്തിലാണ് ഇന്നു സ്കൂൾ നടത്തിവരുന്നത്. സ്ഥലം വേണ്ടിടത്തോളം ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് രണ്ടു ഷെഡുകൾ കൂടി ഉണ്ടാക്കി രണ്ടു സമയമായിട്ടാണ് പഠനം നടത്തിവരുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് കഷ്ടിച്ച് രണ്ടു മണിക്കൂർ മാത്രമെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് പഠിപ്പിച്ചു കിട്ടുന്നുള്ളൂ. ഈ

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ന്ന സംഗതി മുമ്പൊരവസരത്തിലും ഞാൻ കൌൺസിലിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. അന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമെമ്പർ, അവിടത്തെ പഠനം ദോഷമില്ല, അവിടത്തെ റിസൽട്ട് ൭൦% ഉണ്ട് എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇപ്പോൾ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറവാൻ ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള പഴയ കെട്ടിടത്തിൽ പഠിപ്പു നടത്തുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് കുട്ടികൾക്കു ജീവാപായം ഉണ്ടാകാൻ എളുപ്പമുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള ഗൌരവമായ സംഗതിയാണ് ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ കൌൺസിലിന്റേയും പ്രത്യേകം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റേയും ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നത്. ഈ സംഗതി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം. ഇതിനു സമാധാനമായി കെട്ടിടം സർക്കാർ വകയല്ല, നാട്ടുകാരുടെ വകയാണ് എന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു മടിക്കുകയില്ലായിരിക്കാം. കെട്ടിടം ഇല്ലെന്ന കാരണത്താൽ സ്കൂൾ നിർത്തിയെന്നും വരാം. കാളേജുവിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെയൊ, മറ്റതരം ഉയർന്ന വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെയോ പറ്റിയല്ല, നാട്ടിലെ പ്രജകൾക്കു അത്യാവശ്യത്തിനെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കേണ്ട വെറും പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതെന്ന് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഓർക്കണം. വില്ലേജുകളിൽ അതായതു് വലുതായ മുതലെടുപ്പുള്ള വില്ലേജുകളിൽ പ്രാഥമികവിദ്യാഭ്യാസകാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു യാതൊരു ഉത്തരവാദിത്വവുമില്ലേ എന്നാണ് എനിക്കു ചോദിക്കുവാനുള്ളതു്. അഴീക്കോടു വില്ലേജിൽ നിന്നും പ്രതിവർഷം ൧൫,൦൦൦ രൂപാ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്ക് നികുതി പിരിവുണ്ടെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അറിവു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഈ കാര്യം ദയവായി ആലോചിക്കുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. അതിനു ഒരു പ്രത്യേക കെട്ടിടം ഉണ്ടാക്കി ഒരു വലിയ തുക ചിലവു ചെയ്യണമെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല. ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള കെട്ടിടം ഒരു സംഘം വകയാണ്. ഈ സംഗതി എനിക്കും അറിയാം. ഈ കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ കേടുപാടുകൾ നീക്കാനുള്ള ചിലവു മാത്രം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു വഹിച്ചാൽ മതിയാകും. അതും സ്ഥിരം കയ്യിൽനിന്നു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതില്ല. ഏഴെട്ടു കൊല്ലത്തെ വാടക ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഇതേവരെ കെട്ടിടത്തിനു കൊടുക്കാതെ മുടക്കിയിരിക്കയാണ്. ആ വാടകത്തുകകൊണ്ടതന്നെ കേടുപാടുകൾ തീർക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്. ആ വഴിക്കു് ലഘുവായ ചിലവുകൊണ്ടു് പഴയ സ്കൂൾ തന്നെ രക്ഷാകരമായ നിലയിൽ തരിപ്പെടുത്താം. പോരാത്തതിനു് ടെമ്പററി ഷെഡുകൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കിയെങ്കിലും ആ നാട്ടിലെ പ്രാഥമികവിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നിർവ്വഹിക്കണമെന്നു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—പിൻവലിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഇതിനു അനുകൂലമൊ പ്രതികൂലമൊ എന്നറിയണം.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Puthuruthi is the only instance in the history of the Education Department where the building collapsed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Was there any accident in Kunnamkulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There has been no accident.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We must thank God, not the Department, for there was no accident.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—So we are most thankful to Providence.

ഈ സ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ സ്ഥിതി കുറെ മോശമാണെന്നുള്ളതു വാസ്തവ

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മാണ്. പക്ഷെ മെമ്പർ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെതന്നെ, അതു സക്കാർ കെട്ടിടമല്ല. അതിനാൽ സക്കാരിനു പ്രവേശിച്ചു അതു നന്നാക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. അതു ആ നാട്ടുകാരിൽ ഒരാളുടെ വകയാണ്. അതിനാൽ ഉടമസ്ഥൻ തന്നെ അതു നന്നാക്കണം. നന്നാക്കിയാൽ അതിനു വേണ്ടിവരുന്ന ചിലവു കൊടുക്കാം. ഇതേവരെ അതിന്റെ വാടക കൊടുക്കാത്തതു് കെട്ടിടത്തിനു വാടക കൊടുക്കണമെങ്കിൽ ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയരുടെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറു വേണമെന്നു നിയമമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടാണ്. സർട്ടിഫിക്കറു കൂടാതെ വാടക കൊടുക്കാൻ പാടില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് കൊടുത്തതുമില്ല. കെട്ടിടം മോശമാകുമ്പോൾ വാടക കൊടുക്കാതിരിപ്പാനുമൊക്കെ കാരണമിതാണ്.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—അതു നന്നാക്കാൻ ഉടമസ്ഥനു പ്രാപ്തി ഇല്ലെന്നുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബു് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—ഇതേവരെ ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല.

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ജി. മേനോൻ.—അവക്കു വാടക കൊടുക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു കുട്ടികൾ അവിടെ പഠിക്കാൻ ചെല്ലരുതെന്നു ഉടമസ്ഥൻ പറഞ്ഞാലൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അതുപോലെ ചെയ്യണം. അപ്പോൾ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടറിയും.

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ജി. മേനോൻ.—സർട്ടിഫിക്കറു കൊടുക്കാത്തതു എന്തുകൊണ്ടു്? അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള കെട്ടിടത്തിൽ പഠിപ്പിക്കാമൊ? കെട്ടിടം ഇടിഞ്ഞുവീണു കുട്ടികൾ മരിച്ചാൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം ഏല്ക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:—സർട്ടിഫിക്കറു കൊടുക്കാത്തതു കെട്ടിടം മോശമായതുകൊണ്ടാണ്.

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബു് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—ഏകദേശം കെട്ടിടം വീഴാറാകുന്ന സമയം കാണുമ്പോൾ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു വേണ്ടതു പ്രവർത്തിക്കും.

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ജി. മേനോൻ.—അതിനു മുമ്പു ആയിക്കൂടെ?

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—തൃപ്തികരമായ വല്ല സമാധാനവും പറയാമൊ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബു് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു ഒരു പ്രത്യേക സ്ഥലമെടുത്തു് ഒരു സ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടമുണ്ടാക്കാൻ പ്രയാസമില്ല. കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിലെ കോശസ്ഥിതി എനിക്കറിയാം. കൊല്ലം കൊല്ലം അതിന്റെ വിഷമം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു കഴിയുന്നതും അവിടത്തെ ധനസ്ഥിതിയെ സാരമായി ബാധിക്കാത്തവിധത്തിലാണു് ഞാൻ ബഡ്ജറു തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നതു്.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—എല്ലാത്തിനും അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു സമാധാനം പറഞ്ഞു കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനെ മുടക്കാമൊ? (*Hear, hear.*)

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബു് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—അതുകൊണ്ടാണു് കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനെ അഭിമുഖീകരിക്കുന്ന ചിലവുകൾ കഴിയുന്നതും ചുരുക്കാൻ നോക്കുന്നതു്.

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ജി. മേനോൻ.—ഈ കെട്ടിടത്തിനു വാടക കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതായില്ലെ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബു് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—പക്ഷെ കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ ഉടമസ്ഥൻ നമ്മുടെ മിസ്റ്റർ സീതിയുടെ അമ്മാവനാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അതൊരു സൊസൈറ്റി വകയാണു്.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—കൊടുക്കേണ്ട വാടക കൊടുത്താൽ അവർ അതു നന്നാക്കുകയില്ലെ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബു് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—അതു നാമിവിടെ തീർച്ചയാക്കേണ്ട സംഗതിയാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—കൊടുക്കാനുള്ള വാടക സംഖ്യകൊണ്ടു കെട്ടിടം നന്നാക്കാൻ കഴിയുമൊ?

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ഡാക്ടർ എ. ജി. മേനോൻ.—എത്ര കൊല്ലമായി വാടക കൊടുത്തിട്ട്?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—നാലഞ്ചു കൊല്ലമായി.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—മോശമായ കെട്ടിടത്തിൽ സ്കൂൾ നടത്താമൊ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു രൂൾ ഇല്ല.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—On a point of information. I should like to know from the Hon'ble Member for Education whether it is a fact that, during the last annual meeting of the Chittur High School, one student actor happened to act as YamaDharma Raja. As he was acting he issued in the ordinary course of business death warrants to several persons, and at the farce he happened to mention the name of the Headmaster of the High School as one of the names.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—First Assistant.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—For that was the boy taken to task? I should like to know.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It has not been brought to my notice. I have heard it.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Having heard that, have you made any enquiries?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I have not made any enquiries.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I believe some petitions were presented to the Director of Public Instruction.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമായീൻ.—തൃപ്തികരമായ സമാധാനം പറയുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും എന്റെ നാട്ടിലെ പ്രൈമറി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിന്നു ഗവർമ്മേന്റു ഇങ്ങിനെ നാം ടീഫ്ലിപ്പിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോകരുതു. ഉടമസ്ഥൻ കെട്ടിടം നന്നാക്കിത്തരാത്തപക്ഷം കെട്ടിടം വന്ന ഏറ്റു വാങ്ങികൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ നോട്ടീസു കൊടുക്കയും ഗവർമ്മേന്റു തന്നെ കെട്ടിടം ഉണ്ടാക്കിത്തരികയും ചെയ്യണമെന്നു ഓമ്മിപ്പിച്ചും കൊണ്ടു ഉപക്ഷേപം പിൻവലിക്കുന്നു.

Question proposed: *That the demand for a supplementary grant of Rs. 300 under 'XXII—Industries—Rural Industrial Schools—Scholarship—Cranganur' be granted.*

Question put and agreed to

The Cochin Census Bill.

President.—The Law Member will move that the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.— I second it.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—It has to come into force at once, because proper officers have to be appointed, and they have to do a lot of preliminary work.

Question proposed: *That the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.*

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